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Lincoln Cent Quarterly

The Extremely Rare 1944-D Steel Lincoln Cent

$35,650

PCGS AU-53

Enlargement

1944-D Steel Cent. ~~EF-45~~. Struck at the Denver mint in 1944 on a zinc-coated steel planchet left over from the 1943 war time planche This example still retains some lustrer with a scattering of darker deposit spots noted mostly on the reverse. Very rare as there are less th 6 known specimens.

Estimated Value $15,000-

Highlight coin from Goldberg Pre-Long Beach Sale Feb.2003

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Mail Bid Sale Rules

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1. Consignors must be members of SLCC.
2. Lots must be small cents—sets, rolls, singles, albums, clearly marked to date and grade.
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4. No altered, counterfeit, damaged, or loose coins accepted.
5. Invoice listing all coins must accompany the consignment. Placement will be in the next mail bid sale—if possible, space permitting.
6. Payment will be made 45 days after the close of the sale—or sooner, if possible. Ten percent of the bid price will go to SLCC. There is no bidder's fee, except postage and insurance.
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1. Bidders must be members of SLCC.
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3. All lots are open unless marked "reserve".
4. Use the enclosed bid sheet or copy.
5. Bids must arrive on or before the closing da
6. Late bids will not be honored.
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8. Bidders bidding on their own lots are char 5% if not overbid.
9. Bid sheets must include current mailing ad ss and daytime telephone number
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11. There is a 5 day return privilege—no que is asked—EXCEPT for slabbed coins and lots paid for more t five days after receipt. Coins submitted for encapsulation that c back less than the grade sold for are not returnable UNLESS mar 'counterfeit" or "altered"
12. Bidders' and consignors' rules are subje change without notice.

Adopted January, 2002

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Articles and letters from members are welcome and as space permits, such items will be printed in the Quarterly.

President's message:

It seems the coin buyers cannot get enough and at any price. See prices realized in this issue. SLCC mounted a campaign this year to retrieve old members who faded away. After mailing out over 300 letters requesting old and former members to return with the special two year package deal, we did in fact find a few returning members. Most however, were not at the old addresses and much of the mailing has been returned as "No forward" or "RTS" (Return to sender). We also terminated the long running ad in The Numismatist as it was not drawing enough response to cover the actual ad cost—and the ANA was raising the ad cost again this month. We do get referrals through a web site and promotions in NUMISMATIC NEWS and COIN WORLD.

See the membership report and the auction results.

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Auction News

The spectacular 1959D wheat back cent mule finally went off at auction at the pre-Long Beach Auction February 24 and 25, 2003. It was lot #159 and the catalogue devoted three whole pages to the coin including the material previously published from the Treasury department plus the auctioneer's comments. The bottom line was that the coin is not graded by any grading service and is not returnable. The final hammer price (plus buyer's fee) was $48,300. Under an agreement with the consignor and Heritage, the profit (about $20,000) will be split between the two. Some of the Lincoln lots featured on five other pages are shown on the following pages. Again, for the most part prices were well over the estimates. A bulk lot of BU rolls including 6 1954, 10 1954D and 83 1954S estimated at $800-900 went for $4,485—probably motivated by the fact that MS66RD and MS67RD 1954 cents can bring as much as $100-400 each. The final dozen lots consisted of large lots of BU rolls and even original Mint-sealed bags. They too went for quite a bit over estimates.

ccccc Thanks to Mike Batkin for auction results.

Unique 1943D Copper Sets Record

At the Goldberg pre-Long Beach sale the one and only known 1943D bronze cent PCGS MS64BN, went for a record busting $212,750 topping the $85,000 tag it won seven years ago at auction. No other 1943D bronze cent is known--in any grade. The catalogue estimate was "$100,000-Up". The next lot in the same sale was the rare 1943 Bronze PCGS MS61BN which brought a lofty $97,750 against an estimate of "$60,000-Up". Two years ago the same coin went for $60,375 and was the first authenticated 1943 bronze specimen also known as the "Beyers 1958 ANA specimen". In addition, two 1944 steel cents were sold at this sale—lot 152 1944D PCGS AU53 went for $35,650 and a 1944 PCGS AU55 went for $31,050—both more than double catalogue estimates.

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Mail Bid Sale #117. Closing date for all bids April 26, 2003.

Van Nuys Consignment

Lot Description

1 Six circulated Indian head cents: 1889 cleaned VG, 1897 G-VG, 1898 cleaned G, 1899 G-VG, 1901 VG+ cleaned, 1902 polished G

2 Whitman folder #1 60 coins avg.circ: 1910, 1911P,D, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916P,S, 1917PDS, 1918PDS, 1919PDS, 1920 PDS, 1921P,S, 1924S, 1925PS, 1926P,S (semikey), 1927PDS, 1928, 1929PDS, 1930PDS, 1931, 1932PD-1933, 1934PD-1938PS, 1939PS, 1940PDS.

3 1911 G-VG most with partial wheat ears (10 pieces)

4 1916S VG (5x) all show wheat ears

5 1917S G-VG full rims, some wheat ears showing (10 pieces)

6 1921 VG (5x) all with wheat lines

7 1921S VF Three nice full wheat coins

8 1927S VF20 3 nice pieces

9 Roll 50 1928P, 30 VF and 20XF, nice higher end pieces

10 Roll 50 1929S 25 VF and 25 XF40-45. Nice lot of higher end pieces

11 1930S AU55RB, lots of mint red (was in a holder marked "MS63RB")

12 1938S Roll of 50: 12 VG, 28 F, 10 VF.

13 1951S 2 rolls (100 coins) average VFs

14 2 Unopened shotgun rolls 1968D and 1970S (BU)

15 2 Unopened shotgun rolls 1965 and 1970D (BU)

16 2 BU rolls: 1958D and 1959D, both MS65RD+

17 1992S ANACS PF66HVYCAMEO

18 1992S ANACS PF67HVYCAMEO

Barstow Consignment

19 1944D ANACS MS66RD, high end gem

20 1954S PCI MS67RD, DDO 1-0-II, slight doubling + RPM#7, die blob in upper loopof S. High end slabbed variety.

20A *1956D RPM#8 The key RPM. PCI MS66RD, one of the top graded RPM#8s. Lists at $170 in MS65RD. Only 8 graded this high by ANACS.*

21 1983 PCGS MS66RD, fiery gem

Massachusetts Consignment

22 1936S ICG MS65RD

23 1942S Two slabbed by ICG: MS65RD and MS66RD

El Paso Consignment

24 1893 Indian MS64RD, slight darkening at the rim, almost 90% full luster, Trends $250.

25 1909 VDB MS65RB, looks like a PR65RB, but lacks the die markers in Albrecht and F&W. Has die polish under A in AMERICA as in the 1909 PF rev. #2. Deep RB obv orange peel field. Very sharp details. Possibly struck from proof dies.

New York Consignment

48 1909 VDB AU55, lustrous tan sheen

49 1910 Roll 50 all G-VG

50 1911 10 Pieces 6G and 4VG

51 1916S 8 Pieces all G4-G6

52 1918 MS64RB irridescent halo with red highlights, rev RB

53 1921 10 Pieces 5G and 5 VG

54 1921S 10 Pieces 5G and 5 VG

55 1925S 10 Pieces 5G and 4 VG and 1 Fine

56 1926D XF45, sharp details

57 1931 10 Pieces 6 Fine and 4 VF

58 1932D XF45 sharp details

59 1933 MS65RD, full mint fresh luster

60 1933 6 Pieces 2G, 2 Vg, 2 F

61 1937S 13 Pcs F-VF, 1955S 6 Pcs VF, 1955D "BIE" AU55

62 1958D BU roll 50 MS65RD+

63 1969S BU roll 50 MS65RD+

64 1977S ANACS PF64 HVYCAM

65 1992S ANACS PF66HVYCAM

66 1992S ANACS PF67HVYCAM

Long Beach Consignment

67 Lincoln Cent album Whitman No. 2, 1941PDS-1966 complete all AU-BU including 23 BU. 65 Pieces.

68 Lincoln cent album Whitman No. 1 1919PDS-1940PDS, missing only the 1924D and 1931S, all avg circ. 57 pieces.

69 1910S, 1912S, 1913S cleaned, 1914S, all G4-G6

70 1909 VDB, 1909, 19109, 1911PD, 1912PD, 1913PD, 1915PDS,-- 1918PDS 21 Pieces in Whitman folder all G-VG, some cleaned long ago and mellowing. Nice starter set.

71 1977S PR69DCAM

72 1978S PR69DCAM

73 1985S PR69DCAM

74 1992S PR69DCAM

75 1993S PR69DCAM

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At Long Beach Show

Stu Blay attended the SLCC meeting at Long Beach March 1 and showed off two spectacular Lincolns: the best known 1909 VDB 1-0-IV Doubled die obv graded by PCGS as MS67RD! A second PCGS 1909 VDB DDO#1 was a MS66RD!

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Lot Description

126 1912 MS64RD, redder obv than rev. which is reddish purple. Early die state. Small spot lower rev rim. Value $75.

127 1934D MS66RD Golden mint flash. Teensy fly speck obv. Trends $135.

Los Angeles Consignment

128 1909 VG, 1909 VDB XF40, 1910 G, 1910S G (nice foursome)

129 1911 G, 1911D G, 1912 VG, 1912S G, 1912D AG

130 1913PDS–barely good trio (AG-G)

131 1914, 1914S, 1915PDS–all G4-G6 (5 pieces)

132 1916PDS, 1917PDS–all G4-G-6 (6 pieces)

133 1917S Seven pieces all VF20-VF25.

134 19.18PDS, 1919PDS, 1920PDS--all G4-G6 (9 pieces)

135 1921 Ten pieces 5 G, 5 VG

136 1921PS, G, 1922D AG, 1923PS G-VG (5 pieces)

137 1924PS, 1925PDS, all G4-G6 (5 pieces)

138 1926PD&S-1940PDS Complete Minus 1931S. 41 pieces Avg circ G-XF. In Whitman 3 page folder.

139 1927S VG8 Six pieces

140 1929D 49 Pieces VF (20) and XF (29)

Long Beach Consignment

141 *Indian Cent 1880 PR65RD, flashy liquid copper red, obv and rev. Low mintage 3,955. Worth $500. Wonderful eye appeal gem.*

142 *Indian Cent 1884 PR65RD–gorgeous golden shimmering pink obv and more reddish rev. Total gem. Mintage 3,954. Rare worth $600.*

143 *Indian cent 1888 Choice PR64RD, a hint of RB at the rims. Flashy coppery red fields. Worth $400. Mintage 4582.*

144 *Indian Cent 1893 ANACS PF64RB, deep bronze & glossy red obv, More purplish brown mirrored rev. Trends $300. Mintage 2195.*

145 *Indian cent 1899 PR65RB, only 2,031 minted. Shimmering pool of red bronze halo around a golden Indian head, rev. purple red pale toning, Lovelty to look at. Worth $400+.*

146 *Indian Cent 1897 PR65RB, Rosy bronze obv, rainbow hues radiate across the rev. Mintage only 1,938. Scarce. Est. $500.*

147 *1910 PCGS PR64BN, Deep cocoa obv. Rev flashes of red at the rim. All matte proofs are scarce. Est $250+. Mintage 4,183.*

Part of a complete Proof collection broken down and most pieces sold at recent major auction at record prices–even for "raw" coins.

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Lot Description

Van Nuys Consignment

76 Lincoln set 1926PDS-1940PDS only lacking the 1931S. All VG-XF, nice sta set in Whitman folder. 41 pieces. Trends $30+.

77 1911 MS64RB, more BN violet obv, rainbows rev. Strike doubling in date, l planchet streak over LIBERTY. Sharp details.

78 Four early D mints: 1911D G4, 1912D G4, 1913D G6, 1915D VG, partial wh

79 1910S VG8, partial wheat tips

80 1914 VG, 1914S VG, 1915 G, 1915S VG. Group trends $24.

81 Eight 1931 VG (4) and Fine (4). Trends $8

82 Five 1932D All XF40-45. Trends $15.

83 3 BU rolls: 1960D large date, 1961, 1961D, All MS65RD

84 2 Shotgun (unopened) rolls 1959 and 1968S.

85 Memorial type error ANACS MS64RB, double struck (30%) pre-1982. Mostly red, Est value $50.

86 1964 ANACS MS63RB, partial collar error indent 25%. Est $35.

Long Beach Consignment

87 Whitman folder 1916PDS-1940PDS complete VG-XF lacking only the 1924 and 1931S. Total 66 Pieces. The 1938S is AU55.

88 Album 1948D-1958PD Mostly AUs, total 30 Pieces. 1954S BIE AU, 1955/55 Poorman's Doubled die MS63RB.

89 1909VDB MS64RD fingerprint on obv. Fresh mint red luster.

90 1911D Five pieces Good4-6.

91 1913D VG struck 5% off-center. Scarce early date error.

92 1919D VG late die reverse .

93 1923S G4, 1924S G4 (3 pcs), Total 4 coins this lot

94 1943 AU, 1954S "SJ" die break variety XF45, 1954S 9 blob S variety XF45

95 1992S PR69DCAM

96 1985S PR69DCAM

End of Mail Bid Sale #117. Please mail your bids sheets in early or submit by e-mail to SolTaylor2@aol.com

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100 South Pine Avenue, Long Beach, California

Membership Report

The following members were signed up so far in 2003. The list is current to March 25, 2003.

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R1429	Charles Nickle	MO
R1430	Charles W. Harvey	WI
R1431	Gary Naef	OR
R1432	C.R. Boyett	LA
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R1448	Daniel Mason	TX
R1449	John E. Gray	MS
R1450	James Welander	MN

Mail Bid Sale #116 results, January 26, 2003.

Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid
1	3.75	25	6.50	50	10.50	75	2.25	100	3.
2	3.75	26	71.	51	15.	76	17.50	101	15.50
3	9.75	27	24.	52	16.	77	8.50	102	284.
4	9.75	28	19.50	53	9.75	78	7.		
5	3.75	29	31.25	54	10.50	79	10.		
6	3.25	30	25.50	55	11.50	80	5.		
7	4.25	31	198.	56	8.75	81	10.		
8	3.75	32	17.75	57	2.25	82	8.		
9	3.75	33	5.50	58	27.	83	9.25		
10	2.75	34	23.50	59	72.75	84	7.		
11	2.	35	4.75	60	40.	85	3.50		
12	4.25	36	7.75	61	10.75	86	4.		
13	3.	37	11.75	62	3.	87	7.		
14	8.	38	11.	63	19.50	88	6.		
15	20.	39	16.50	64	4.25	89	no lot		
16	6.	40	29.50	65	7.	90	4.50		
17	4.	41	2.25	66	2.25	91	31.		
18	10.75	42	5.75	67	7.	92	2.75		
19	12.	43	6.50	68	20.	93	25.		
20	6.	44	3.	69	36.25	94	19.		
21	27.50	45	17.50	70	5.	952.50			
22	14.25	46	3.50	71	10.	96	30.		
23	31.50	47	4.	72	65.	97	33.75		
24	5.50	48	5.	73	2.75	98	8.50		
		49	6.50	74	4.50	99	41.		

Total of 29 bidders and 27 won one or more lots.
No tie bids and no late bids. Lot 102 drew the most bids-10.

1912-S Lincoln cent remains in shadows

By Paul M. Green

The 1912-S Lincoln cent has always been a better Lincoln cent. It has just never been a top Lincoln cent, as it seems to always be in the shadow of one or more dates from the same period, a situation that seems likely to continue.

The 1912-S was never a common Lincoln cent. It had a total mintage of 4,431,000 pieces, which put it right in the middle of the San Francisco cents from 1909-1915.

It was that group of Lincoln cents from San Francisco – starting with the 1909-S VDB and 1909-S, and ending with the 1915-S – that were always viewed as the important core of a Lincoln-cent collection. There were the 1914-D and 1931-S, as well as the same-era dates from Denver, but the Lincoln-cent collection has always had at its center the 1909-15 San Francisco cents.

The 1909-S VDB was always the key, with its great story and mintage of 484,000. The 1909-S, as well as the 1914-D, followed both with mintages of less than two million, followed by the string of San Francisco dates. The 1931-S with a mintage of less than one million (and heavily saved) was first, followed by the group from 1910-S. They almost seemed equal, although the 1911-S was viewed as a bit better, thanks to a mintage of just more than four million. Then came the 1914-S, 1912-S and 1915-S, all of which were less than 5 million, and the 1910-S and 1913-S, which were both just over six million.

It is quite a group – San Francisco did not produce a Lincoln cent until 1916 with a mintage of even 10 million pieces. Compare those figures to the present and you see that where the 1912-S would have a mintage of four million, it would be four billion today. It is hard to imagine such cent mintages today.

It is easy to see why the group of San Francisco cents from 1910-15 were easily lumped together as a group. Special Lincoln cent promotions would include one or two dates from the group, as everyone knew they were the truly tough Lincoln cents. They were not the keys, but finding a date like the 1912-S in circulation in 1956 was not easy. In fact, it was close to impossible to find them all.

So many good dates may have kept their prices lower, as some just accepted the idea that there would be some empty spaces in a Lincoln cent collection.

Despite the fact that there are many collectors of Lincoln cents, price movements of the 1912-S in lower grades have been slow. In 1998, a G-4 listed for $11 and it is still there today. That may tell you that the 1912-S was not heavily saved. There was also too much competition from other coins to make the 1912-S a priority for many collectors of the time. Less than five years earlier, there had been the 1909-S VDB and the 1909-S Lincoln cent. Then there was the 1912-S Liberty Head nickel and less than five years later there was the flood of rarities from 1916. Under the circumstances, would you have considered it a priority to save a 1912-S Lincoln?

That is probably why we see price movement in the 1912-S, but in upper grades, as many circulated for years until a new generation of collectors was happy with a VG-8 or G-4. In XF-40 in 1998, the 1912-S was $32, but today that price is $45. In MS-60 in 1998 it was $80 and today it is $110. In MS-65, however, in 1998, the 1912-S was $975, but today that price is $1,600.

After all these years, the 1912-S is not likely to do anything unusual in terms of price. It is, however, a solid, better-date Lincoln cent and it will continue to command a premium price and keep its place in that select group of San Francisco Lincolns from 1909 to 1915.

Courtesy of Mike Batkin.

118.45

4 19-- Lincoln cent, obverse brockage with Wheat reverse. AU-50. The portrait of Lincoln has been expanded by subsequent strikes, and only RTY of LIBERTY and 19 of the date is present as well as the outline of Lincoln. The reverse is normal and sharply struck. Good color and a popular error for the Lincoln specialist.
Estimated Value $50-UP

310.50

5 1909-S, S over horizontal S. PCGS graded MS-64 Red & Brown. Mostly red but with some light streaking as commonly seen on these. Boldly struck throughout.
Estimated Value $200-250

6 Lincoln cents, 1910-S PCGS graded AU-58, 1921-S PCGS graded XF-45 and 1922-D NGC graded MS-62 Brown. The 1910-S is very nice with traces of original mint color and the 1921-S has the usual wood grain toning. We note the 1922-D has bluish coloring on both sides. Perfect for the date collector who needs these. Lot of 3 coins. 184
Estimated Value $100-125

7 1911-S. AU-50. Light brown in color with traces of mint luster. A couple of light hairlines on each side.
Estimated Value 86.25 $25-35

1,380

8 1914-S. PCGS graded MS-64 Red. Well struck with fiery mint red color.
Estimated Value $1,500-2,000

603.75

9 1916-D. NGC graded MS-66 Red & Brown. The NGC population reports only 3 in this grade with none higher. A coin for a Registry Set.
Estimated Value $550-650

140 1919. PCGS graded MS-66 Red. Well struck with fiery mint red color. 345
Estimated Value $350-450

141 1935-D. PCGS graded MS-66. 40.25
Estimated Value $30-40

The Benson Collection.

142 1936. Type 2. PCGS graded Proof 64 Red. A few minor flyspecks are scattered about the obverse. 483
Estimated Value $350-400

143 1937 to 1942. PCGS graded Proof 64 Red. A perfectly matched PCGS set. A total of 6 coins. Lot of 6 coins. 575
Estimated Value $250-300

144 1937 NGC graded MS-67 Red and 1938-D NGC graded MS-67 Red. Two superb pieces for the specialist, both spot free and mint fresh. Lot of 2 coins. Two. 57.50
Estimated Value $100-125

145 1939. PCGS graded MS-66. Lot of 13 coins.
Estimated Value $250-350

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The Benson Collection.

146 1939-S. PCGS graded MS-66. Lot of 5 coins.
Estimated Value $100-UP

120.75

The Benson Collection.

147 1943. PCGS graded MS-66. Lot of 25 coins.
Estimated Value $400-UP

253

The Benson Collection.

1955 Double Die MS-64 Red

6,612.50

156 1955. PCGS graded Double Die Obverse MS-64 Red. Slightly faded mint red in color and quite lustrous. One tiny speck below LIBERTY and with clean surfaces expected for the grade. One of the key dates to the Lincoln cent series, and always in strong demand as few have been found, especially in full red condition. The PCGS Population Report notes 108 have been graded as MS-64 Red with a scant 19 higher, all of which are MS-65 Red above. Color photo.
Estimated Value $6,000-7,500

647 Hoard of 1937 Lincoln cent rolls. This lot includes 16 rolls grading MS-64 to 65 RD. Two of the rolls remain in their original wrappers. (Total: 16 rolls; 800 pieces) 1,265

Gem Proof 1939 Lincoln Cent

Proof-67 RD PCGS

None Graded Finer by PCGS

Set Registry Quality

2,875

648 1939 Proof-67 RD (PCGS). Intense lustre on bright red mirror surfaces. A touch of frost adorns the motifs, adding nicely to the overall appeal. Among the finest examples of the issue graded by PCGS. Of the 13,520 Proofs of the date struck, the present coin ranks very near the top of the list of surviving specimens. Definitely a *Set Registry Quality* coin for those who are actively pursuing the "finest of the fine" in today's numismatic marketplace.

PCGS Population: 9; none finer.

649 Assorted Lincoln cent rolls from an old estate. These grade MS-63 to 65 RB and RD. ☆ 1939 (1 roll in original wrapper) ☆ 1940 (1 roll) ☆ 1941 (1 roll) ☆ 1941-D (1 roll) ☆ 1941-S (5 rolls). (Total: 9 rolls; 450 pieces) 1,121

650 Four rolls of San Francisco Lincoln cents grading MS-64 to 65 RD: ☆ 1941-S (2 rolls) ☆ 1942-S (2 rolls). (Total: 4 rolls; 200 pieces) 1,265

651 Original 1943-PDS steel cent rolls, purchased in 1943-44, now offered for the first time. Average grades MS-64 and finer—who knows what *gems* these rolls contain. One roll of 50 coins from each issuing mint, Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco, all brilliant, lustrous, and rust-free. A Lincoln cent specialist's delight. (Total: 150 pieces) 805

Philadelphia roll purchased October 5, 1943; Denver, April 6, 1943; San Francisco, February 1, 1944.

652 Another set of 1943-PDS steel cent rolls, purchased in 1943-44, now offered for the first time. Average grades MS-64 and finer. One roll of 50 coins from each issuing mint, Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco, all brilliant, lustrous, and rust-free. (Total: 150 pieces)

Philadelphia roll purchased October 5, 1943; Denver, August 10, 1943; San Francisco, February 1, 1944. 805

653 Four rolls plus two score (240 coins) of choice to gem MS-64 to 65 1943 steel cents, all purchased circa 1943-44, all brilliant and lustrous. A bonanza of steel Lincoln cents. (Total: 240 pieces) 322

654 Hoard of 1943 steel cents grading MS-60 to 63. A number of these coins have white corrosion. This lot is worthy of close inspection as it contains a large number of very nice examples: ☆ 1943 (735 pieces) ☆ 1943-D (99 pieces). (Total: 834 pieces) 460

Price realized includes 15% buyer's fee.

Pleasing 1955 Doubled Die Cent

(photo enlarged to twice actual size) 8,625

655 1955 Doubled Die Obverse. MS-64 RD (PCGS). Fully brilliant with pale orange lustre and wisps of light bluish toning near the borders. A few trivial surface marks keep this from the gem category, however, this is a pleasing example.

This issue remains one of the most important doubled die varieties among all coinage of our country. A few others may garner a higher price, however, the 1955 Doubled Die cent was the first widely publicized variety and is instantly recognized without magnification. It is always the case that "naked eye varieties" are much more popular than those that require high magnification to identify.

Choice Mint State 1955 Doubled Die Obverse 1¢

2,415

656 1955 Doubled Die Obverse. MS-64 RB (NGC). Lustrous medium brown with intensely bright red highlights in the protected areas.

Important 1955 Doubled Die Cent

1,955

657 1955 Doubled Die Obverse. MS-64 RB. Mostly brilliant orange lustre just beginning to change to light brown. Traces of lilac toning add to the overall eye appeal of this example. A few very minor surface marks keep this from the gem category. Very nearly qualifying as "full red," this delightful example would fit nicely in an otherwise fully brilliant collection of Lincoln cents.

1,380

658 1955 Doubled Die Obverse. MS-61 BN (NGC). Dark bluish brown surfaces with considerable orange lustre. This lovely example very nearly qualifies as "Red and Brown," being on the borderline between color designations.

659 1984 Doubled Die. MS-68 RD (ICG). Bright red with strong lustre. A popular doubled die obverse error, this with strong doubling at Lincoln's ear. 374

Mike Aron Auction Results 3-16-03

A selection of some of the Lincolns in the 118th auction Held in Van Nuys.

Lot Description Price Realized (SLCC comments in parentheses)

107 1909 VDB MS65RD $28.
108 1909S VDB VF30, darker planchet $440 (looks more like F15)
109 1909 MS65RD $38
110 1909S NGC MS62BN $140 (looks more like 63)
111 1909S XF40 $80 (more like VF20)
112 1909S Good6 $38 (several marks, G4 max)
113 1910S NGC MS63RB 80% red $80
115 1911S AU55 Fully struck $52 (late die state rev)
117 1914 Matte proof64RB $170 (does NOT look like matte proof—beveled rim)
120 1914D Detail of AU50, cleaned years ago $460
121 1914D Good4 (nice evenly worn copy) $70

A ten percent buyer's fee is added to the successful bid on each lot.

122 1916 MS65Rd $46 (uneven planchet field)
123 1916D MGC MS64RD $210
125 1917 MS66RD $190 (more MS65, few spots)
126 1917S MS64RB $115 (late die state rev.)
127 1918S MS66RB $725 (would probably slab as 64 or 65)
128 1921S MS60BN $70 (AU at best)
129 1922 Plain detail of F12 $160. (Might slab VG)
131 1922D NGC F12 $13 (Very late die state)
132 1923S AU53 $29 (late die state looks XF40)
133 1924S Lot 50 pcs G-XF $29
134 1925D MS65RD $360. (Late die state might slab 63)
135 1926S AU50 $25 (Barely XF45)
136 1928D PCGS MS63RB $50
137 1929S MS65RD $54 (Maybe 64)
138 1930 NGC MS66RD $50 (Nice coin)\
139 1930S MS66RD $24 (not as nice as lot 138)
141 1931D MS65RD $170
142 1931D AU55 $20
143 1931S MS65RD $150 (Color might be RB)
144 1931S MS65RB $80
145 1931S XF45 $40
146 1934D MS64RD $11
148 1940 PCI PR63RD $32 (streaky color)
150 1942 PR65RB $38 (streaky color)
152 1943P,D,S Three Unc rolls $340
152 1943 Lot 39 pcs MS60-63, spotty $11
155 1960 small date lot 88 pcs MS64-66RD $140
156 1995 Double die obv MS64RD $28

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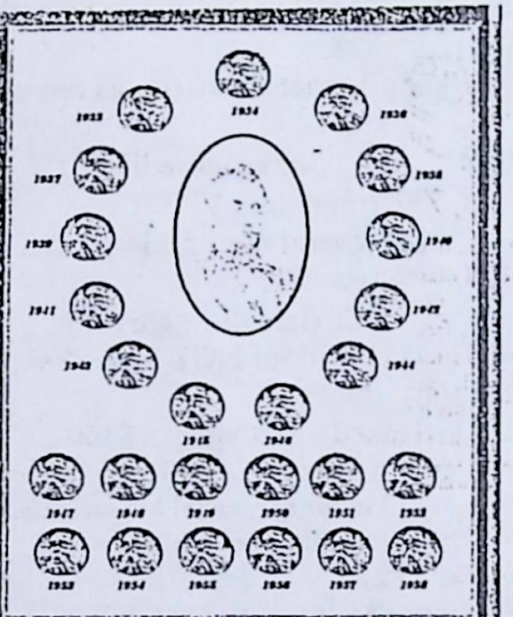

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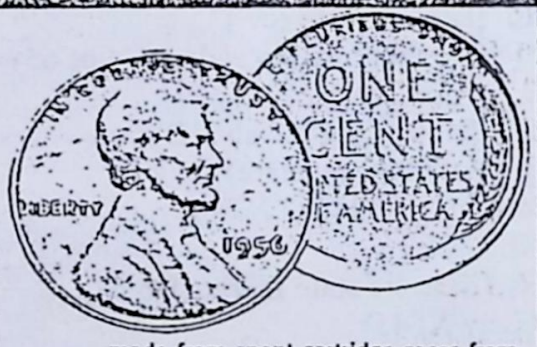

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Impressive Gem 1909-S V.D.B. Cent

(photo enlarged to twice actual size) 8,740-

909-S V.D.B. MS-66 RD (PCGS). Fully brilliant with frosty deen orange lustre and splashes of deeper reddish orange toning. s : gem is sharply struck with exceptional aesthetic appeal. A pole microscopic spots and blemishes keep this from an even heer numeric grade. As it stands, just nine submissions have re-ceed a higher MS-67 RD rating from PCGS. This specimen is a dilidate for one of the finest cabinets of Lincoln cents today.

Tilah the introduction of certified coins a number of years ago, the idea of a "cabi-oof coins seems rather obsolete. Should we search for a more up-to-date term? apps one of our readers may have a suggestion to bring us into the 21st century.

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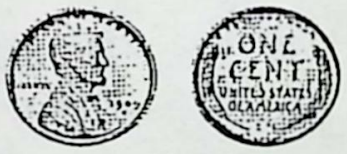
909-S V.D.B. MS-64 RB. A sharply struck example of this popular e... The obverse is fully brilliant with reddish gold lustre while the :rese has mellow orange lustre with splashes of light brown toning. :ww very minor spots are also noted on the reverse.



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9-S V.D.B. MS-64 RB. Attractive gold lustre with light brown ing, the reverse considerable brighter. A further opportunity to aiire an example of this important and popular variety.

9 Lincoln. Matte Proof-65 RB (NGC). Frosty deep brick red a vviolet high points on the obverse, chiefly deep violet on the re-e.. A richly toned gem Matte Proof cent from the first year of the gm type. 483

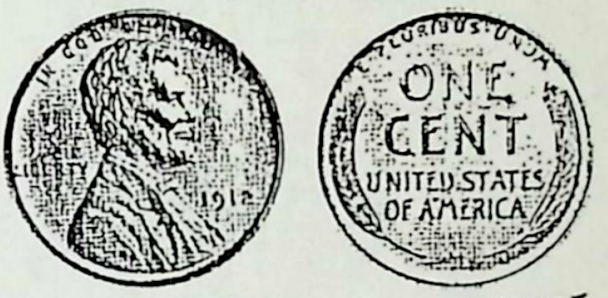
olf mintage: 2,352.

6,325

9—S MS-66 RD (PCGS). An impressive gem quality example brilliant light orange lustre on both obverse and reverse. This is ng the very finest specimens available. Just two finer MS-67 RD nples of this issue have been certified by PCGS.

erm Lincoln cents grading Choice EF to Choice AU: ☆ 1911-D ☆ 1922-D (4). Three with strong mintmark, one with weak tmark. (Total: 12 pieces) 604

Gem Matte Proof 1912 Lincoln Cent



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621 1912 Matte Proof-65 RD (PCGS). Extraordinarily sharply struck with lovely orange satin lustre. Reverse lustre is slightly subdued. A few tiny spots are noted only with magnification. This represents an extremely important opportunity for the specialist and connoisseur to acquire a gem quality example of this issue. Just one finer "Red" example has been certified by PCGS, that coin garnering a grade of Proof-66 RD. A few others have also received grades of Proof-66 RB and Proof-66 BN.

When interpreting population data involving different color designations, it is difficult to suggest which coins are nicer, which others are equivalent, and which are lower. For example, the January 2003 issue of the PCGS Population report recorded the following: Proof-65 RD (13), Proof-66 BN (5), Proof-66 RB (8), and Proof-66 RD (1). Clearly the Proof-66 RD example is nicer than this Proof-65 RD. Technically, those graded Proof-66 RB or BN are also nicer, however, in both cases are less valuable than this Proof-65 RD. So how should we report this? Perhaps we should state "PCGS Red Population: 13; 1 finer (Proof-66 RD)." Or maybe we should state: "PCGS Population: 13; 14 finer (Proof-66 RD finest)." We would be interested in our readers' thoughts as we would like to provide the most useful information possible, yet at the same time, don't want to do a disservice to our consignors.

622 Grouping of Proof Lincoln cents: ☆ 1913 Proof-60. Iridescent toning on both surfaces ☆ 1936 Type II. Brilliant Proof-63 RD. Reflective with minute spots ☆ 1937 Proof-64 RD. Reflective with splashes of faint toning on the reverse and minute spots noted ☆ 1938 Proof-63 RD. Reflective ☆ 1939 Proof-64 RD. Reflective with splashes of toning and some spotting ☆ 1940 Proof-64 RD. Brilliant ☆ 1941 Proof-63 RD. Reflective with minute spots ☆ 1942 Proof-64 RD. Reflective with minute spots noted. (Total: 8 pieces)

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Gorgeous Gem Matte Proof 1914 Cent

2,415

623 1914 Matte Proof-66 RD (PCGS). A superb gem Proof Lincoln cent with fiery sunset hues of red and violet emerging on the satiny red matte surfaces. Spot-free. One of 1,365 Proofs of the date struck—while we can't vouch for the quality of other survivors when compared to the present piece, we can say the present piece has to be among the most appealing specimens extant where eye appeal is concerned!

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